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Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Mr. Mselle

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The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Agenda item 17: Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections by secret ballot and to paragraph 16 of decision 34/401 on the same subject.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/101 and A/C.5/55/4)

2. **The Chairman** drew attention to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the General Assembly needed to appoint five persons for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 2000. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/55/4), eight persons had been nominated by their respective Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for that Group, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision on the candidate from that regional group by acclamation.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. *The Committee decided to recommend the re-appointment of Mr. Maycock (Barbados) to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

5. **The Chairman** said that, since the Group of African States had endorsed one candidate for one of the two vacancies for that Group, he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision on that candidate by acclamation. Votes would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the other vacancy for the Group of African States and for the vacancies for the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. *The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

8. **The Chairman**, after recalling the provisions of rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of African States.

9. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Van Rijwijk (Netherlands), Mr. Monayair (Kuwait) and Mr. Peixoto (Brazil) acted as tellers.*

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	174
Invalid ballots:	6
Number of valid ballots:	168
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	165
Required majority:	83
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)	98
Mr. Daka (Zambia)	67

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania) was recommended for re-appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

12. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of Asian States.

13. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Agresta (Italy), Ms. Achouri (Tunisia) and Mr. Innocent (Haiti) acted as tellers.*

14. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	175
Number of valid ballots:	175
Number of members voting:	175
Required majority:	88
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Jawarneh (Jordan)	61
Mr. Mabilangan (Philippines)	114

15. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mabilangan (Philippines) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

16. **The Chairman** invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot one candidate from the Group of Eastern European States.

17. *At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Christian (Ghana), Ms. Mesquito (Portugal) and Ms. Upakarniktrikaset (Thailand) acted as tellers.*

18. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	172
Number of valid ballots:	172
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	170
Required majority:	86
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Abraszweski (Poland)	113
Mr. Orange (Belarus)	57

19. *Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Abraszewski (Poland) was recommended for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.*

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102 and Add.2; A/C.5/55/5/Add.1 and Add.2)

20. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint six persons for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001 to fill the vacancies that would arise in the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 2000. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/55/5/Add.1), six persons had been nominated by their respective Governments. Since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Western European and Other States was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

21. *It was so decided.*

22. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Humenny (Ukraine), Mr. Lewis (United States of America) and Mr. Watanabe (Japan) and the appointment of Mr. Dumitriu (Romania), Mr. Gharekhan (India) and Mr. Kandanga (Namibia) to the Committee on Contributions.*

23. **The Chairman** drew attention to document A/C.5/55/5/Add.2, which indicated that Mr. Neil Francis (Australia) had resigned from the Committee on Contributions and that the Government of Australia had nominated Mr. Henry Fox to complete the unexpired portion of Mr. Francis's term of office. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Fifth Committee wished to recommend the appointment of Mr. Fox to the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on the date of appointment and ending on 31 December 2001.

24. *It was so decided.*

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/55/103; A/C.5/55/6)

25. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to the note by the Secretary-General (A/55/103) informing the General Assembly of the need to appoint the Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State for a three-year term of office to fill the vacancy that would arise on 1 July 2001 on the United Nations Board of Auditors. In document A/C.5/55/6, the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that the Government of France had nominated the Court of Audit for appointment to the Board. Since there was only one candidate for the vacancy, he took it that the Committee wished to recommend, by acclamation, the appointment of the Court of Audit of France to the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 2001.

26. *It was so decided.*

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/55/104; A/C.5/55/7)

27. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/55/7, in which the Secretary-General had presented for confirmation by the General Assembly the re-appointment of three members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

28. *It was so decided.*

29. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. Chico Pardo (Mexico) and Mr. Pillay (Singapore) to the Investments Committee.*

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/55/105; A/C.5/55/8)

30. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/55/8, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of three persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill, for a three-year term of office, the three vacancies that would arise in the membership of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal on 31 December 2000. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

31. *It was so decided.*

32. *The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. Bireedo (Sudan), Mr. Flogaitis (Greece) and Ms. Stern (France) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.*

(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/55/106; A/C.5/55/9 and Add.1)

33. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to documents A/C.5/55/9 and Add.1, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of eight persons nominated by their respective Governments to fill vacancies in the membership of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

34. *It was so decided.*

35. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Akimoto (Japan), Mr. Küntzle (Germany), Mr. Owade (Kenya) and Mr. Vislykh (Russian Federation) and the appointment of Ms. González Posse (Argentina), Mr. Hamidullah (Bangladesh), Mr. Mazemo (Zimbabwe) and Ms. McLurg (United States of America) to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.*

36. **The Chairman** said that the term of office of the members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee might be adjusted at a later stage to reflect the decision which the General Assembly might wish to take on the recommendation of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board contained in annex XVI to its report (A/55/9).

(g) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/107; A/C.5/55/10)

37. **The Chairman** drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.5/55/10, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of six persons nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001. He recalled that, at the Committee's 19th meeting, the representative of the Philippines had announced that his Government had decided to withdraw the candidature of the person it had nominated. Thus, since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to take its decision by acclamation.

38. *It was so decided.*

39. *The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Fedotov (Russian Federation), Mr. Rusita (Uganda) and Mr. Zahid (Morocco) and the appointment of Mr. Jayanama (Thailand) and Mr. Shafi Sami (Bangladesh) to the International Civil Service Commission.*

The meeting rose at 11.50 a.m.